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TAGS: PFOR, PBOR, UK, AR
SUBJECT: HMG ANNOUNCES FALKLAND ISLANDS TALKS

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED - FOREIGN SECRETARY DAVID OWEN
APRIL 26, IN A WRITTEN ANSWER TO A PARLIAMENTARY
QUESTION, ANNOUNCED THAT HMG AND THE GOA HAVE REACHED
AGREEMENT ON THE TERMS FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FALKLAND
ISLANDS DISPUTE. THE MAJOR POINTS IN OWEN'S REPLY WERE:
-- GOA AND HMG HAVE AGREED TO HOLD NEGOTIATIONS IN
JUNE-JULY 1977 CONCERNING THEIR FUTURE POLITICAL RELA-
TIONS, INCLUDING THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE FALKLAND, SOUTH
GEORGIA AND SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS, AND ECONOMIC COOPERA-
TION IN THAT REGION;
-- NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE DIRECTED AT WORKING OUT A
PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE EXISTING DISPUTE ON SOVEREIGNTY
AND A FRAMEWORK FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION;
-- HMG WILL CONSULT WITH THE PEOPLE OF THESE ISLANDS
DURING THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS;
-- THE AGREEMENT TO HOLD THE NEGOTIATIONS, AND THE
NEGOTIATIONS THEMSELVES, ARE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE
POSITION OF EITHER GOVERNMENT; AND
-- THE LEVEL AND VENUE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IS YET TO
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BE DETERMINED. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM FCO THAT THE VENUE ISSUE IS COM-
PLICATED BY HMG'S NEED TO CONSULT WITH THE FALKLAND
ISLANDERS AFTER EACH MEETING WITH THE GOA. OUR FCO
SOURCES INDICATED THAT HMG HAS NO SPECIFIC GOALS IN THE
NEGOTIATIONS, BUT WILL LOOK BEHIND ARGENTINE RHETORIC

TO "SEARCH FOR WORTHY PROPOSALS". HMG BELIEVES THE PRESENT STALEMATE SITUATION IS HARMFUL TO THE ISLANDERS AND THEIR ECONOMY, DICTATING THAT HMG MAKE A CONSTRUCTIVE EFFORT ON THEIR BEHALF.

3. BRITISH OPINION ON THE FUTURE OF THE FALKLANDS IS DIVIDED -- THE "KITH AND KIN" TIES CONFLICT WITH THE DESIRE TO BE RID OF THE LAST COLONIAL VESTIGES -- AND IS COMPLICATED BY GROWING CONCERN OVER ARGENTINA'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD. IN THIS REGARD, HMG IS STILL DEVELOPING ITS HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY FOR LATIN AMERICA IN PREPARATION FOR THE UPCOMING BILATERAL MEETING WITH THE U.S.; THE FALKLANDS ARE A COUNTERPOISE TO A STRONG UK HUMAN RIGHTS EFFORT IN THIS AREA.

4. FCO ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT WIDESPREAD MEDIA REPORTS WHICH ALLEGED THAT THE CIA-PREPARED WORLD OIL FORECAST INDICATED THE FALKLAND ISLAND SHELF CONTAINED THREE TIMES THE OIL RESERVES OF THE UK'S NORTH SEA FIELDS, WHICH CONFLICTS WITH INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO HMG (E.G. SHAKLETON STUDY AND SHELL AND BP SURVEY REPORTS). WE WERE ABLE TO ASSURE FCO THAT CIA STUDY DID NOT MAKE SUCH ASSERTIONS.

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